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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Ronald D. Hoover  
Serial No.: 09/862,939  
Filed: May 22, 2001  
For: IMPROVED TACKLE CONTAINER  
WITH CLIP SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 3643  
Examiner: Bethany L. Griles

January 29, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This responds to the communication mailed from the USPTO on August 29, 2002 (Paper Number 5). Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough consideration of the issues presented in the case, and responds accordingly.

In the Claims:

*Please cancel Claim 4.*

*Please amend Claim 1 as follows:*

1. (Amended) A container for holding fishing lures, each said lure having a neck, a lower wire segment and an upper wire segment, said container comprising:

- a bottom;
- a continuous sidewall;
- at least one channel comprising two barriers;
- a first catch above said bottom in each of said channels; and
- a second catch spaced vertically from said first catch and positioned above said bottom in each of said channels;